GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF KAPILAS AT TOURIST PLACE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that `Kapilas` - having scenic hill range and seven major peaks - situated at north-east of Dhenkanal, Orissa is a major attraction for devotees because of famous `Lord Chandrasekhara` temple which is considered one of the `Pitas` of Orissa;

(b) whether to attract other than devotees a Deer Park, Science Centre and an Inn were set up;

(c) if so, whether Government is considering any special plan to develop `Kapilas` as one of the major tourist paradise in Orissa by providing additional facilities for devotees, broadening the temple road and security aspect;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a), (b), (c), (d)&(e): Identification and development of tourist spots is primarily undertaken by the State Governments.However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance to the State Government/Union Territory Governments for tourism projects in consultation with State Governments.

In 1996-97, the Ministry sanctioned an amount of Rs.18.00 lakhs for the construction of Tourism Complex at Kapilas.